

**POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED
AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

Thirteen members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to the remarks made by Michael LaFargue, Alonzo Anderson, Jennifer Edwards, Matthew Brandon, Octavia Mitchell, and John Catanzara (see below).

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability responded to the remarks made by Jamie Frazier, Virginia White, Sarah Lusche, and Flora Suttle (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by Queen Sister, David Dewar, and Robert More did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting.



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Superintendent of Police

October 16, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Response to Community Input Received at the September 19, 2019 Police Board Meeting

Dear Mr. Caproni,

The Chicago Police Department thanks the Board for the opportunity to respond to speakers from last month's Police Board meeting. These speakers give their time to speak before the Board about important issues and the Department responds to the remarks by Michael LaFargue, Alonzo Anderson, Jennifer Edwards and Matt Brandon; Octavia Mitchell; and John Cantanzara each separately below.

Michael LaFargue, Alonzo Anderson, Jennifer Edwards and Matt Brandon spoke jointly about a proposed ordinance fostering good business neighbor agreements similar to those created by the West Chesterfield Community. This ordinance would focus on business which agree to actively participate in the community, keep their businesses well lit, attend CAPS meetings, discourage loitering and sponsoring events which benefit local programs. The Department supports this initiative of good neighborhood business and to that end have recently re-introduced business liaison officers into each of the districts across the city. The Department looks forward to working with community groups like Communities Organized to Win to determine how to work together more effectively and united in an effort to improve every community across the city.

Octavia Mitchell spoke about inventoried items and testing completed by the Illinois State Police related to her son's death. I have prepared a separate correspondence to Ms. Mitchell explaining the chain of custody of the DNA swab collected by the Evidence Technicians and attaching the chain of custody logs demonstrating that these swabs were held by the Department until they were released in May of this year to the Illinois State Police.

Officer John Catanzara spoke about the upcoming promotional exam for Sergeant and requested that the Superintendent waive the college requirement for all of those officers hired before college was required. While the Department understands the point raised by Officer Catanzara this education requirement has been in place since the early 2000's and for most, if not all, of this time officers have been able to receive tuition reimbursement for college education. Because officers have had this time and financial support to continue their education the Superintendent is not inclined to waive the requirement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana O'Malley".

Dana M. O'Malley
General Counsel
Office of the Superintendent



COPA Remarks Regarding Citizen Comments

Chicago Police Board Meeting

October 17, 2019

During the September 19, 2019 Chicago Police Board meeting the speakers listed below made statements related to COPA investigations or matters under its jurisdiction. Below is a summary of COPA's follow-up with each person based upon those statements.

I. Ms. Flora Suttle requested guidelines for requesting a case be re-opened.

- August 22, 2019:

Immediately following the Board Meeting, COPA Public Information Officer (PIO) Ephraim Eaddy provided Ms. Suttle his email address and asked her to direct her request and any additional relevant information to him to ensure for prompt attention.

- September 6, 2019:

COPA received an email from Ms. Suttle to which she attached a letter requesting the investigation be re-opened. The email is forwarded to COPA's General Counsel, who advises COPA's First Deputy of the request. COPA Legal and Investigation Divisions began to coordinate their review of Ms. Suttle's request and the information provided.

- September 17, 2019:

Mr. Eaddy received a message from Ms. Suttle attaching copies of her prior correspondence. Mr. Eaddy confirmed receipt of the email with Ms. Suttle and followed - up with COPA's General Counsel regarding status of the review.

- September 18, 2019

Ms. Suttle acknowledged receipt of a letter from COPA stating it had received her request and is pending review to determine if the case will be re-opened.

II. Remarks by Jamie Frazier, Virginia White, and Sarah Lusche regarding CR No. 1066452

- Investigation by IPRA closed June 23, 2015
- Command Channel Review began June 26, 2015
- Sustained 60-day suspension on July 24, 2015 based Violation of Rule 9, Rule 8 and Rule 2.
- The officer elected to file a grievance. We are not clear of the outcome of the grievance as it is currently with Management & Labor Affairs. The Chicago Police Department is best positioned to provide an update regarding this matter.